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In re application of Lovell B. Ivie et al.)
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SECOND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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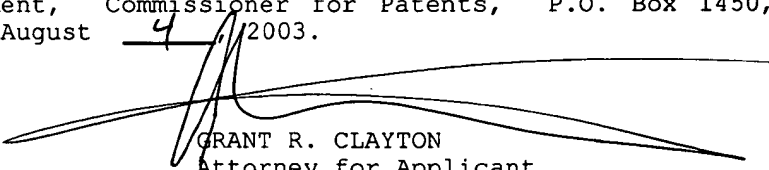
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Sir:

Responsive to the communication mailed February 3, 2003,
Applicant hereby responds to the restriction requirement as set
forth below.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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Applicant notes that the restriction requirement mailed on February 3, 2003, is substantially identical to the restriction requirement mailed on October 2, 2002. Applicant is submitting this Second Response to Restriction Requirement (which takes similar substantive action as the response filed on January 2, 2003 (Rule 8 date)) to ensure that pendency of this application is maintained.¹

Applicant notes that a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the restriction requirement. Thus, if Applicant's response filed on January 2, 2003, is deemed to not respond to the present restriction requirement, Applicant requests a three-month extension of time. If an extension of time is necessary, the required fee may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0836.

Both of the Actions mailed October 2, 2002, and February 3, 2003, asserted that restriction to one of the following inventions is required: Group I - Claims 1-10, drawn to a communications cable installation; Group II - Claims 11-14, drawn to adapting multiline telephone hub; Group III - Claims 15-19, drawn to distributing audio signals from a central location; and, Group IV - Claims 20-

¹ Applicant assumes that the duplicative Action mailed February 3, 2003, was sent to ensure that Applicant received the restriction requirement due to the incorrect address to which the October 2, 2003, action was addressed.

24, drawn to distributing audio and video. As indicated in the prior response, Applicant does not elect any of the above recited claims since all such claims have been cancelled, without prejudice, by Applicant in a Preliminary Amendment filed on August 18, 1999 (Rule 8 date).

PAPERS NOW PRESENT IN THE OFFICE FILE

It now appears to Applicant that the two Preliminary Amendments which were previously missing from the Office file have now been associated with the file for this application.

Applicant believes that the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 21, 2001 (Rule 8 date), may still be missing from the file and Applicant requests the Examiner's assistance in associating the same with the file.²

Now that the two missing Preliminary Amendments have been entered into the present file, Applicant requests examination of this application and that the restriction requirement set forth in the communications mailed October 10, 2002 and February 3, 2003, be withdrawn.

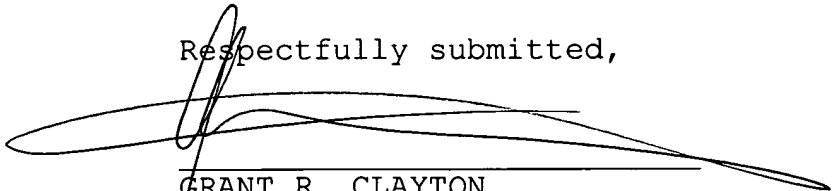
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² Applicant bases this belief on a recent review of PAIR.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending present allowable subject matter. Thus, favorable action concerning these claims is respectfully requested.

DATED this 4 day of August, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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